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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 30, 2002, please amend the above-captioned patent application as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

**Please cancel Claim 46, without prejudice.**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

38. (Amended) An occlusion device, for occluding a hollow body structure, comprising:  
 a proximal end, a distal end, and a longitudinal axis extending therethrough;  
 at least three supports extending between the proximal end and the distal end;  
 each support comprising an elongate, flexible element which is movable from a  
 first orientation in which the element extends substantially parallel to the axis at no more  
 than a first distance from the axis, to a second orientation in which at least a portion of  
 the element is inclined with respect to the axis and is separated by at least a second  
 distance from the axis which is greater than the first distance; and

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